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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM :

SUBJECT

: A Comparison of Official Statements on Purged Communist Leaders Before and After Losing Favor, As Found in Quotations from Stalin and Other High Communist Leaders

1. In response to requests from

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undertook a search for quotations from Stalin and other Communist officials about purged Communist leaders before and after the purges fell from favor. The search was focused in particular on statements regarding Trotsky, Zinoviev, Kamenev, Bukharin, Rykov, Yagoda, Tukhachevskii, Voznessensky, Rajk, Pauker, Slansky, Gomulka, Tomkin, and Kostov. We were advised that the death of Stalin did not alter the requirement because the basic application and utility of such statements remain unchanged. A limited number of such statements, which are entirely unclassified, are transmitted herewith.

2. On first undertaking this case

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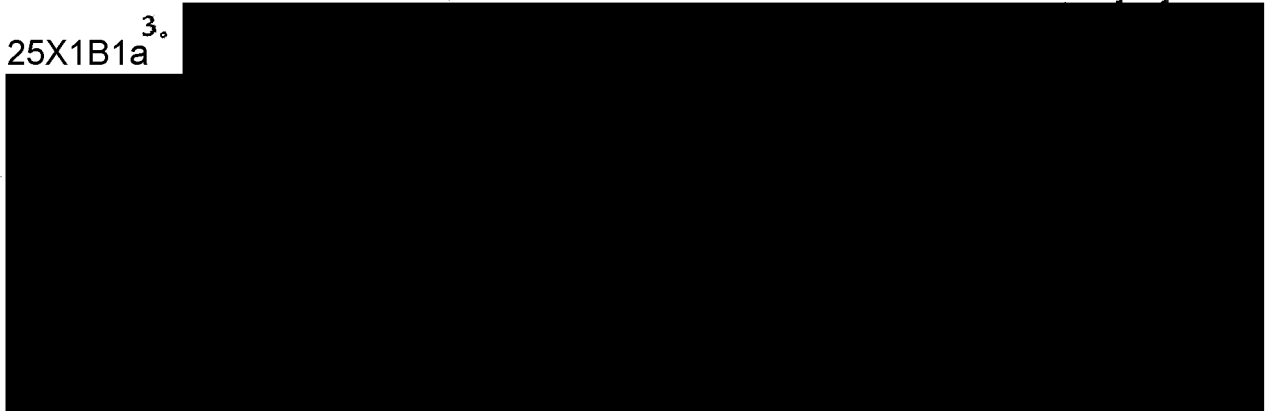
contacted other offices of CIA, OIA, State, and IBS, and explored external research possibilities to determine whether finished reports or partly organized material on the subject exist. The results were negative.

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4. On the basis of exploratory efforts made by [REDACTED] it seems 25X1A8a  
clear that a sufficient volume of effective quotations about important Com-  
munist purges, beginning with the "Old Bolsheviks" such as Trotsky,  
Kamenev, and Zinoviev, can be located only by research in depth in  
materials in the original Russian and other eastern and central Euro-  
pean languages. Research would necessarily embrace a wide range of  
publications. These publications would begin with Pravda and other Com-  
munist periodicals from the revolutionary period onward, extend through  
the published speeches of Communist leaders, the various editions of the  
collected works of these leaders, and other official party and government  
statements, and include works such as the several editions of the Soviet  
Encyclopaedia and histories of the Communist Party. If there is an  
operational need for such research, [REDACTED] will be glad to try to ar- 25X1A8a -  
range for it by external contract.


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25X1A9a<sup>5</sup>. Please refer any questions concerning this case to Mr.

 Extension 8655, (1614 "J").

Enclosures:

- (a) Quotations from speeches and works of Stalin and other High Communist officials concerning purged Communist Leaders before and after the latter lost favor.
- (b) Bibliography of Works Consulted (K-10131).

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SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

The following quotations represent research in the most likely available documents of Stalin, Trotsky, and Bukharin, which are published in English and French, as well as in other pertinent books, periodicals, and tracts, including speeches by Stalin and Lenin. A number of Stalin's literary works, though listed in the Library of Congress, were not available there while research was in progress. Communist literature in the Russian language has not been exploited.

Certain documents in foreign languages, related to the subject, are in the process of translation by [REDACTED] Among them are: 25X1A8a

- a. (Russian) "Defects in Party Work and Measures for Liquidating Trotskyites and other Double-dealers," Stalin, 1937
- b. (Japanese) "Soviet Communism and the Purges"

A bibliography of source material consulted is attached.

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